GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA

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AIR CONNECTIVITY WITH SMALL CITIES
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a)Whether the Union Government has any proposal to connect small cities with air services;

(b)If so, the details thereof;

(c) Whether the Union Government has also sought proposals from the State Governments in this regard;

(d) If so, the details in this regard; and

(e)The steps taken by the Union Government to implement the proposal?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL)

(a) and (b): Government has laid down route dispersal guidelines with a view to achieve better regulation of air transport services taking into account the need for air transport services in different regions of the country including North East Region. Airlines are free to provide air services to any place depending upon the traffic demand and commercial viability and subject to compliance of route dispersal guidelines. Indian Airlines` subsidiary, Alliance Air has plans to operate regional air services on routes with low to medium traffic density with 50 seater ATR aircraft and also on short haul routes in order to promote connectivity within the country subject to availability of aircraft, crew and engineers.

(c): No, Sir.

(d) and (e): Do not arise.